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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, a pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Because both references fail to teach or suggest the above features it is respectfully submitted the rejection should be withdrawn because the combination of references fails to suggest every claimed feature.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerszberg et al. (U.S. 6,307,839) in view of Jurkevich et al. (U.S. 5,229,992).

Claim 15 has been cancelled herein obviating the rejection.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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